

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 11 and 13 are amended herein. Claim 17 is added herein. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found in the claims as originally filed, and in the specification at page 50, lines 16-25, continuing at page 51, line 1. Reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,269,445 to Nobakht et al. (hereinafter "Nobakht"). The rejection is traversed to the extent it would apply to the claims as amended. Reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

The second clause of claim 1 recites:

An IA terminal user storing unit storing IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received.

Nobakht neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests "an IA terminal user storing unit storing IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received," as recited in claim 1. In Nobakht, rather, the *user* selects an Internet site name from the displayed menu, and enters the channel number associated with the selected Internet site name. In particular, as described in the Abstract:

The user selects an Internet site name from the displayed menu, and enters the channel number associated with the selected Internet site name using an input device that is similar to a television remote control.

Since, in Nobakht, the user selects an Internet site name from the displayed menu, and enters the channel number associated with the selected Internet site name, the user terminal of Nobakht stores no "service information including the kind of service to be received," as recited in claim 1.

In Nobakht, moreover, the user terminal is provided with an input device that allows the *user* to select an Internet site from the displayed menu by entering the channel number displayed next to the selected Internet site name. In particular, as described at column 1, lines 66 and 67, continuing at column 2, lines 1-4:

The user terminal is provided with an input device (e.g., a device similar to a television remote control) that allows the user to select an Internet site from the displayed menu by entering the channel number displayed next to the selected Internet site name.

Since, in Nobakht, the user selects an Internet site name from the displayed menu, and enters the channel number associated with the selected Internet site name, the user terminal of Nobakht stores no "service information including the kind of service to be received," as recited in claim 1.

Each of the user terminals in Nobakht, moreover, includes circuitry for allowing a *user* to enter selected channel numbers. In particular, as described at column 3, lines 43-50:

Each user terminal 130-A through 130-D includes circuitry for downloading and storing channel table data downloaded from server 110, displaying the channel numbers and Internet site names from the downloaded channel table data, allowing a user to enter selected channel numbers, and connecting the user terminal to a selected Internet site 120-1 through 120-4 that is associated with the selected channel number.

Since each of the user terminals in Nobakht includes circuitry for allowing a *user* to enter selected channel numbers, the user terminal of Nobakht stores no "service information including the kind of service to be received," as recited in claim 1.

The Office Action mailed May 2, 2007, in fact, notes graciously in the last line at page 10, continuing in the first two lines at page 11, that:

The user selects an Internet site name from the displayed menu, and enters the channel number associated with the selected Internet site name using an input device that is similar to a television remote control.

Since, as noted in the Office Action, the user selects an Internet site name and enters the channel number associated with the selected Internet site, the user terminal of Nobakht stores no "service information including the kind of service to be received," as recited in claim 1. Claim 1 is submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 2-8 depend from claim 1 and add further distinguishing elements. Claims 2-8 are thus also submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-8 is also earnestly solicited.

Claims 9 and 10:

The second clause of claim 9 recites:

A transmission and receiving unit on the side of the IA terminal, transmitting and receiving IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a

number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received.

Nobakht neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests "a transmission and receiving unit on the side of the IA terminal, transmitting and receiving IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received," as discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Claim 9 is thus submitted to be allowable, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 is earnestly solicited.

Claim 10 depends from claim 9 and adds further distinguishing elements. Claim 10 is thus believed to be allowable as well. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 11 and 12:

The second clause of claim 11 recites:

The function which stores, in a database, IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received.

Nobakht neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests a "function which stores, in a database, IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received," as discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Claim 11 is thus submitted to be allowable, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 11 is earnestly solicited.

Claim 12 depends from claim 11 and adds further distinguishing elements. Claim 12 is thus believed to be allowable as well. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 12 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 13 and 14:

The second clause of claim 13 recites:

The function which transmits and receives IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received.

Nobakht neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests a "function which transmits and receives IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or

mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received," as discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Claim 13 is thus submitted to be allowable, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 13 is earnestly solicited.

Claim 14 depends from claim 13 and adds further distinguishing elements. Claim 14 is thus believed to be allowable as well. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 14 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 15 and 16:

The second clause of claim 15 recites:

Transmission and receiving means for on the side of the IA terminal, transmitting and receiving IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received.

Nobakht neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests a "transmission and receiving means for on the side of the IA terminal, transmitting and receiving IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received," as discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Claim 15 is thus submitted to be allowable, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 15 is earnestly solicited.

Claim 16:

The second clause of claim 16 recites:

Transmission and receiving means for on the side of the IA terminal, transmitting and receiving IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received.

Nobakht neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests a "transmission and receiving means for on the side of the IA terminal, transmitting and receiving IA terminal information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the kind of service to be received," as discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Claim 16 is thus submitted to be allowable, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 16 is earnestly solicited.

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New claim 17:

The second clause of claim 17 recites:

An IA terminal user storing unit storing IA terminal information for the IA terminal which is connected to the terminal user management system, the information including an IA terminal identifier for identifying a number or mark of a manufacturer of the IA terminal, service information including the service to be received.

The second clause of new claim 17, in particular, recites "the service to be received," rather than "the kind of service to be received" as recited in the other independent claims. Claims 17 is thus believed to be allowable as well.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 1-17 are allowable over the cited references. Allowance of all claims 1-17 and of this entire application is therefore respectfully requested.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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